

EXERCISE 7B

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

1. a. We resented the faculty's **preemption** of the new library books before we students ever got to see them.
b. The Great Depression had **preempted** his hopes for college.
c. **Preempt** the bottles before returning them for deposit.
d. All the 50-yard-line seats had been **preempted** months ago by season ticket holders.
2. a. All new trucks have a steel **vanguard** to prevent theft.
b. The English sighted the **vanguard** of the Armada off the Dover coast.
c. Frank Lloyd Wright led the **vanguard** of early twentieth-century architecture.
d. Because it enters an area first, a platoon's **vanguard** is frequently ambushed in jungle warfare.
3. a. A good teacher is always **preceptive** about whether or not students are paying attention.
b. One important **precept** of Chinese culture is respect for elders.
c. Nineteenth-century textbooks were **preceptive**, containing stories to illustrate good behavior.
d. According to the **precepts** of the Buddha, all forms of life should be respected.
4. a. Don't be **preposterous**! You can't catch warts from handling a toad.
b. I once blamed your **preposterousness** on your youth, but now you're too old to be so absurd.
c. Because we arrived at the party **preposterously**, we had to wait around for things to get started.
d. Until the 1970s most Olympic officials considered including a women's marathon to be a **preposterous** idea.
5. a. On the night before Julius Caesar's assassination, his wife had a **premonitory** dream that evil would befall her husband.
b. In the Middle Ages comets and eclipses of the sun or moon were considered to be **premonitory** of the fall of kings.
c. I had a **premonition** that you would call today!
d. She resigned her position without giving any **premonition** for her action.
6. a. The larva and cocoon stages **antecede** the mature development of a moth.
b. The **antecedent** of *they*, *them*, and *their* must be a plural noun.
c. September is **antecedent** to December.
d. Don't **antecede** between me and the light when I'm trying to read.